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Amendments to the Specification

(1) Please replace the first full paragraph following the Detailed Description of the Invention with the following revised paragraph:

Referring to the drawings, FIGS. 1 and 2 illustrate an idler pulley 10 comprising a molded plastic body 12 having an integral tubular bearing carrier insert 14 centrally positioned in the pulley body 12. The tubular bearing carrier insert 14 is incorporated between the plastic body of the pulley and an outer bearing race 15 of bearing 16. The bearing 16 may be fitted into the insert either before or after molding.

(2) Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 3, lines 12 through 24, with the following revised paragraph:

The tubular insert 14 may be manufactured from steel, aluminum, zinc, brass, or any other suitably rigid and strong material. The insert 14 may also be coated or plated to enhance adhesion to the particular polymeric material selected for the body 12 of the idler pulley 10. For example, a brass or zinc plating over a steel tubular insert shell increases the chemical affinity of the insert for a thermoplastic phenolic material, especially if the phenolic material also incorporates any of several classes of adhesion-enhancing ingredients such as sulfur, silica, acrylates, vinyl acetates, low molecular weight polyamides, etc. The outer surface of the tubular insert 14 may contain interlocking means 13 such as knurls, splines, indents, holes, and the like to provide an irregular outer surface of said tubular insert 14 ~~be knurled, splined, or otherwise shaped, e.g., it may contain holes, to provide a rough surface~~ for the purpose of enhancing the mechanical interlock of the insert 14 with the plastic body 12. The inner surface of the tubular insert 14 may be provided with means 24, such as a stepped profile or detents, to accurately locate and align the bearing 16 during assembly, or the surface of the insert during molding.